

2020 Field Blend No. 1 Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon

Monticello

LIMITED RELEASE

Visually the wine is very appealing with a wonderful dark garnet hue. Aromatically the wine is bursting with bright candied raspberries, strawberries, and dark cherries. Additional there is a nostalgic touch of candied caramel apple. Next to the fruit components is a pleasant vanilla and cola nuance which nestles up nicely with the soft earthy notes. The oak is soft and well balanced with the fruit and mellow tannins. A very approachable wine that will continue to evolve nicely.

– Matthew Meyer, Winemaker

VINTAGE: This was a tough year on many counts. The winter started mild and was somewhat uneventful with moderate temperatures. Then in April and May Virginia was hit with some severe frosts devastating some growers. We then had a very wet start to the summer which proceeded to dry up with some extreme heat days. The rains then remerged in September making for difficult conditions with the grapes ripening. The rains did not completely dissipate for the remainder of harvest and did allow for some nice days to work.

BLEND: 57% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST: The Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were harvested on 24th September 2020. The Merlot was 21.7 brix, 3.84 pH and .576g/L TA. The Cabernet Sauvignon was 20.2 brix, 3.83 pH and .684g/L TA

VINEYARD SOURCING: Mt. Juliet Vineyards, Crozet, VA

FERMENTATION: Both grapes fermented for 7 days in stainless steel with D254 Yeast.

AGING: 12 months in 78% French Oak Barrels and 22% Hungarian Oak Barrels

BOTTLING DATE: January 2022

RELEASE DATE: February 2021

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

12.0% Alc 3.55 pH .656 g/L TA 0.4% RS (dry)



